Statewide Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Georgia	**15,874**	**16,827**	**19,014**	**-953**	**-5.7%**	**-3,140**	**-16.5%**

County Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	LWDA Area	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Appling	16	64	58	85	6	10.3%	-21	-24.7%
Atkinson	18	6	9	19	-3	-33.3%	-13	-68.4%
Bacon	18	12	6	9	6	100.0%	3	33.3%
Baker	17	1	2	0	-1	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Baldwin	11	41	46	91	-5	-10.9%	-50	-54.9%
Banks	2	11	19	31	-8	-42.1%	-20	-64.5%
Barrow	9	101	108	121	-7	-6.5%	-20	-16.5%
Bartow	1	163	180	180	-17	-9.4%	-17	-9.4%
Ben Hill	18	44	19	16	25	131.6%	28	175.0%
Berrien	18	23	11	33	12	109.1%	-10	-30.3%
Bibb	11	238	260	253	-22	-8.5%	-15	-5.9%
Bleckley	16	8	9	19	-1	-11.1%	-11	-57.9%
Brantley	18	24	26	17	-2	-7.7%	7	41.2%
Brooks	18	17	13	14	4	30.8%	3	21.4%
Bryan	20	52	39	60	13	33.3%	-8	-13.3%
Bulloch	20	74	78	107	-4	-5.1%	-33	-30.8%
Burke	12	73	73	53	0	0.0%	20	37.7%
Butts	8	29	29	35	0	0.0%	-6	-17.1%
Calhoun	17	7	7	5	0	0.0%	2	40.0%
Camden	20	36	48	28	-12	-25.0%	8	28.6%
Candler	16	12	6	20	6	100.0%	-8	-40.0%
Carroll	8	166	175	184	-9	-5.1%	-18	-9.8%
Catoosa	1	76	40	50	36	90.0%	26	52.0%
Charlton	19	5	7	13	-2	-28.6%	-8	-61.5%
Chatham	20	321	345	392	-24	-7.0%	-71	-18.1%
Chattahoochee	14	2	2	6	0	0.0%	-4	-66.7%
Chattooga	1	146	20	24	126	630.0%	122	508.3%
Cherokee	7	260	283	276	-23	-8.1%	-16	-5.8%
Clarke	9	119	124	131	-5	-4.0%	-12	-9.2%
Clay	14	0	1	2	-1	-100.0%	-2	-100.0%
Clayton	7	666	781	745	-115	-14.7%	-79	-10.6%
Clinch	18	4	3	4	1	33.3%	0	0.0%
Cobb	4	1,133	1,187	1,150	-54	-4.5%	-17	-1.5%
Coffee	18	58	46	81	12	26.1%	-23	-28.4%
Colquitt	17	34	38	37	-4	-10.5%	-3	-8.1%
Columbia	13	155	149	180	6	4.0%	-25	-13.9%
Cook	18	18	29	23	-11	-37.9%	-5	-21.7%
Coweta	8	179	358	195	-179	-50.0%	-16	-8.2%
Crawford	11	8	17	11	-9	-52.9%	-3	-27.3%
Crisp	15	28	32	23	-4	-12.5%	5	21.7%

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Dade	1	5	9	54	-4	-44.4%	-49	-90.7%
Dawson	2	22	25	23	-3	-12.0%	-1	-4.3%
Decatur	17	33	52	44	-19	-36.5%	-11	-25.0%
DeKalb	5	1,366	1,506	1,627	-140	-9.3%	-261	-16.0%
Dodge	16	14	9	39	5	55.6%	-25	-64.1%
Dooly	15	8	12	17	-4	-33.3%	-9	-52.9%
Dougherty	17	158	147	174	11	7.5%	-16	-9.2%
Douglas	7	311	287	323	24	8.4%	-12	-3.7%
Early	17	15	13	45	2	15.4%	-30	-66.7%
Echols	18	3	2	3	1	50.0%	0	0.0%
Effingham	20	56	60	69	-4	-6.7%	-13	-18.8%
Elbert	9	83	97	32	-14	-14.4%	51	159.4%
Emanuel	16	54	23	85	31	134.8%	-31	-36.5%
Evans	16	5	8	16	-3	-37.5%	-11	-68.8%
Fannin	1	19	10	18	9	90.0%	1	5.6%
Fayette	7	119	168	135	-49	-29.2%	-16	-11.9%
Floyd	1	149	130	263	19	14.6%	-114	-43.3%
Forsyth	2	197	215	210	-18	-8.4%	-13	-6.2%
Franklin	2	48	43	26	5	11.6%	22	84.6%
Fulton	6	2,138	2,309	2,411	-171	-7.4%	-273	-11.3%
Gilmer	1	171	16	36	155	968.8%	135	375.0%
Glascock	13	0	4	8	-4	-100.0%	-8	-100.0%
Glynn	20	86	94	144	-8	-8.5%	-58	-40.3%
Gordon	1	166	158	229	8	5.1%	-63	-27.5%
Grady	17	16	12	17	4	33.3%	-1	-5.9%
Greene	9	18	21	22	-3	-14.3%	-4	-18.2%
Gwinnett	7	1,248	1,254	1,386	-6	-0.5%	-138	-10.0%
Habersham	2	31	48	61	-17	-35.4%	-30	-49.2%
Hall	2	205	204	434	1	0.5%	-229	-52.8%
Hancock	13	7	18	28	-11	-61.1%	-21	-75.0%
Haralson	1	35	28	28	7	25.0%	7	25.0%
Harris	14	32	28	32	4	14.3%	0	0.0%
Hart	2	42	40	27	2	5.0%	15	55.6%
Heard	8	9	25	11	-16	-64.0%	-2	-18.2%
Henry	7	425	496	560	-71	-14.3%	-135	-24.1%
Houston	11	201	198	215	3	1.5%	-14	-6.5%
Irwin	18	9	11	15	-2	-18.2%	-6	-40.0%
Jackson	9	76	90	119	-14	-15.6%	-43	-36.1%
Jasper	9	11	19	16	-8	-42.1%	-5	-31.3%
Jeff Davis	16	21	18	33	3	16.7%	-12	-36.4%
Jefferson	12	26	37	46	-11	-29.7%	-20	-43.5%
Jenkins	13	8	9	16	-1	-11.1%	-8	-50.0%
Johnson	16	8	8	21	0	0.0%	-13	-61.9%
Jones	11	21	33	35	-12	-36.4%	-14	-40.0%
Lamar	8	34	27	33	7	25.9%	1	3.0%
Lanier	18	6	11	22	-5	-45.5%	-16	-72.7%
Laurens	16	89	78	139	11	14.1%	-50	-36.0%
Lee	17	35	27	38	8	29.6%	-3	-7.9%
Liberty	20	81	90	97	-9	-10.0%	-16	-16.5%
Lincoln	13	10	13	17	-3	-23.1%	-7	-41.2%

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Long	20	19	26	15	-7	-26.9%	4	26.7%
Lowndes	18	135	167	164	-32	-19.2%	-29	-17.7%
Lumpkin	2	23	27	28	-4	-14.8%	-5	-17.9%
Macon	15	20	13	16	7	53.8%	4	25.0%
Madison	9	28	32	40	-4	-12.5%	-12	-30.0%
Marion	15	10	8	7	2	25.0%	3	42.9%
McDuffie	13	69	57	92	12	21.1%	-23	-25.0%
McIntosh	20	13	16	21	-3	-18.8%	-8	-38.1%
Meriwether	8	27	66	43	-39	-59.1%	-16	-37.2%
Miller	17	11	8	9	3	37.5%	2	22.2%
Mitchell	17	21	28	26	-7	-25.0%	-5	-19.2%
Monroe	11	21	30	25	-9	-30.0%	-4	-16.0%
Montgomery	16	6	10	65	-4	-40.0%	-59	-90.8%
Morgan	9	18	27	17	-9	-33.3%	1	5.9%
Murray	1	138	114	165	24	21.1%	-27	-16.4%
Muscogee	14	287	305	313	-18	-5.9%	-26	-8.3%
Newton	9	209	236	294	-27	-11.4%	-85	-28.9%
Oconee	9	16	22	15	-6	-27.3%	1	6.7%
Oglethorpe	9	16	8	13	8	100.0%	3	23.1%
Paulding	1	245	250	278	-5	-2.0%	-33	-11.9%
Peach	11	43	52	34	-9	-17.3%	9	26.5%
Pickens	1	26	13	31	13	100.0%	-5	-16.1%
Pierce	18	14	18	19	-4	-22.2%	-5	-26.3%
Pike	8	21	11	26	10	90.9%	-5	-19.2%
Polk	1	47	33	68	14	42.4%	-21	-30.9%
Pulaski	11	12	15	4	-3	-20.0%	8	200.0%
Putnam	11	18	18	65	0	0.0%	-47	-72.3%
Quitman	14	1	0	5	1	0.0%	-4	-80.0%
Rabun	2	26	70	12	-44	-62.9%	14	116.7%
Randolph	14	6	13	13	-7	-53.8%	-7	-53.8%
Richmond	12	371	517	397	-146	-28.2%	-26	-6.5%
Rockdale	7	205	190	211	15	7.9%	-6	-2.8%
Schley	15	3	4	3	-1	-25.0%	0	0.0%
Screven	20	27	15	30	12	80.0%	-3	-10.0%
Seminole	17	8	10	13	-2	-20.0%	-5	-38.5%
Spalding	8	96	117	148	-21	-17.9%	-52	-35.1%
Stephens	2	41	40	50	1	2.5%	-9	-18.0%
Stewart	14	7	2	7	5	250.0%	0	0.0%
Sumter	15	43	54	42	-11	-20.4%	1	2.4%
Talbot	14	3	13	5	-10	-76.9%	-2	-40.0%
Taliaferro	13	3	2	2	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Tattnall	16	18	16	57	2	12.5%	-39	-68.4%
Taylor	15	13	16	11	-3	-18.8%	2	18.2%
Telfair	16	11	14	42	-3	-21.4%	-31	-73.8%
Terrell	17	21	19	15	2	10.5%	6	40.0%
Thomas	17	46	53	90	-7	-13.2%	-44	-48.9%
Tift	18	41	46	66	-5	-10.9%	-25	-37.9%
Toombs	16	25	38	249	-13	-34.2%	-224	-90.0%
Towns	2	7	8	6	-1	-12.5%	1	16.7%
Treutlen	16	11	4	38	7	175.0%	-27	-71.1%

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County Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

LWDA Area		SEP 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Troup	8	126	141	135	-15	-10.6%	-9	-6.7%
Turner	18	9	7	12	2	28.6%	-3	-25.0%
Twiggs	11	5	9	9	-4	-44.4%	-4	-44.4%
Union	2	16	18	18	-2	-11.1%	-2	-11.1%
Upson	8	47	29	31	18	62.1%	16	51.6%
Walker	1	182	51	53	131	256.9%	129	243.4%
Walton	9	108	118	121	-10	-8.5%	-13	-10.7%
Ware	18	41	39	43	2	5.1%	-2	-4.7%
Warren	13	17	15	28	2	13.3%	-11	-39.3%
Washington	13	16	26	37	-10	-38.5%	-21	-56.8%
Wayne	16	38	24	36	14	58.3%	2	5.6%
Webster	15	0	2	1	-2	-100.0%	-1	-100.0%
Wheeler	16	8	6	40	2	33.3%	-32	-80.0%
White	2	16	19	38	-3	-15.8%	-22	-57.9%
Whitfield	1	485	306	474	179	58.5%	11	2.3%
Wilcox	16	9	6	8	3	50.0%	1	12.5%
Wilkes	13	36	36	11	0	0.0%	25	227.3%
Wilkinson	11	12	9	9	3	33.3%	3	33.3%
Worth	17	25	26	20	-1	-3.8%	5	25.0%

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Albany MSA	239	219	247	20	9.1%	-8	-3.2%
Athens-Clarke County MSA	179	186	199	-7	-3.8%	-20	-10.1%
Atlanta MD	7,720	8,560	8,901	-840	-9.8%	-1,181	-13.3%
Atlanta MSA	9,556	10,488	10,813	-932	-8.9%	-1,257	-11.6%
Augusta-Richmond County MSA	678	809	739	-131	-16.2%	-61	-8.3%
Brunswick-St. Simons MSA	123	136	182	-13	-9.6%	-59	-32.4%
Columbus MSA	341	358	370	-17	-4.7%	-29	-7.8%
Dalton MSA	623	420	639	203	48.3%	-16	-2.5%
Gainesville MSA	205	204	434	1	0.5%	-229	-52.8%
Hinesville MSA	100	116	112	-16	-13.8%	-12	-10.7%
Macon-Bibb County MSA	293	349	333	-56	-16.0%	-40	-12.0%
Marietta MD	1,836	1,928	1,912	-92	-4.8%	-76	-4.0%
Rome MSA	149	130	263	19	14.6%	-114	-43.3%
Savannah MSA	429	444	521	-15	-3.4%	-92	-17.7%
Valdosta MSA	161	193	203	-32	-16.6%	-42	-20.7%
Warner Robins MSA	244	250	249	-6	-2.4%	-5	-2.0%

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Regional Commission (RC) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Atlanta Regional Commission	8,068	8,676	9,034	-608	-7.0%	-966	-10.7%
Central Savannah River RC	791	956	915	-165	-17.3%	-124	-13.6%
Coastal RC	765	811	963	-46	-5.7%	-198	-20.6%
Georgia Mountains RC	488	561	754	-73	-13.0%	-266	-35.3%
Heart of Georgia RC	401	335	992	66	19.7%	-591	-59.6%
Middle Georgia RC	620	687	751	-67	-9.8%	-131	-17.4%
Northeast Georgia RC	803	902	941	-99	-11.0%	-138	-14.7%
Northwest Georgia RC	2,053	1,358	1,951	695	51.2%	102	5.2%
River Valley RC	463	505	503	-42	-8.3%	-40	-8.0%
Southern Georgia RC	469	470	573	-1	-0.2%	-104	-18.2%
Southwest Georgia RC	431	442	533	-11	-2.5%	-102	-19.1%
Three Rivers RC	734	978	841	-244	-24.9%	-107	-12.7%

Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Atlanta Regional LWDA	3,234	3,459	3,636	-225	-6.5%	-402	-11.1%
Central Savannah River Area LWDA	791	956	915	-165	-17.3%	-124	-13.6%
City of Atl./Bal. Fulton Co. LWDA	2,138	2,309	2,411	-171	-7.4%	-273	-11.3%
Coastal Georgia LWDA	765	811	963	-46	-5.7%	-198	-20.6%
Cobb County LWDA	1,133	1,187	1,150	-54	-4.5%	-17	-1.5%
DeKalb County LWDA	1,366	1,506	1,627	-140	-9.3%	-261	-16.0%
Georgia Mountains LWDA	685	776	964	-91	-11.7%	-279	-28.9%
Heart of GA-Altamaha LWDA	401	335	992	66	19.7%	-591	-59.6%
Lower Chattahoochee LWDA	338	364	383	-26	-7.1%	-45	-11.7%
Middle Flint LWDA	125	141	120	-16	-11.3%	5	4.2%
Middle Georgia LWDA	620	687	751	-67	-9.8%	-131	-17.4%
Northeast Georgia LWDA	803	902	941	-99	-11.0%	-138	-14.7%
Northwest Georgia LWDA	2,053	1,358	1,951	695	51.2%	102	5.2%
Southern Georgia LWDA	469	470	573	-1	-0.2%	-104	-18.2%
Southwest Georgia LWDA	431	442	533	-11	-2.5%	-102	-19.1%
West Central Georgia LWDA	734	978	841	-244	-24.9%	-107	-12.7%

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